

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT
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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

Bob Brown is once more a resident of Great Bend.

Not a few bad colds are going the rounds these days.

Mr. Robert Dougan has been quite sick for a few days.

W. H. Bonner is the happy father of a brand new boy.

Some of the boys are about to start a gymnasium in this city.

A big time was had at the dance last Friday, at Hoisington.

Mrs. W. H. Odell is confined to her home with quite an illness.

The weather clerk is perhaps doing his duty but—dang his duty.

The "January thaw" got in a few days ahead of time, did it not?

Charles F. Brown, of Simpson, Illinois, is in the city visiting friends.

Sam J. Day has been appointed instructor of the Concordia Vocalists.

Governor Marmaduke, of Missouri, is the third governor that has died this year.

Wednesday Judge Ogle married Mr. James W. Sly and Miss Jennie Rader, of Clifton.

Jim Savage is getting quite a selection of gloves, mittens, etc., which are left, at the postoffice.

Mr. Arthur Were and Miss Abbie Schilke, of Hoisington, were married by Judge Ogle Wednesday.

The German night school in the G. A. R. building is increasing every week, and making progress.

We are glad to note that Mack Hood is once more on our streets, after a protracted siege of sickness.

D. R. says that as soon as George gets out the proper papers, he will wipe out the old score and begin again.

Charles McNally and James Thompson, of Albion township, were in town Thursday and made this office a pleasant call.

C. F. Wilkinson, who is teaching district No. 77, was in the city during the holidays. The school had a week's vacation.

People who have not paid their personal property tax must pay before the 12th of January, after that date warrants will be issued.

R. G. Weisell, of the Walnut Valley Sentinel, published at Ness City, stopped off Saturday on his way home from a visit in the east.

Mr. Sterrett returned Friday with his family. He had been to Albert to spend Christmas, and got snowed in and had to remain several days.

Last Thursday at the residence of Rev. T. H. Ayars, Mr. Alvin Towler and Miss Corn Cummins were married. They are both from Hoisington.

L. F. Wever, county treasurer has returned from Topeka, where he has been settling with the state. He was the third one to settle with the state this year.

"My trouble is bad health. Good bye everybody," was the message left by Gus Brandt, a seventeen year old boy who committed suicide at Parsons this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Albright left Friday evening for Milan, Mo., the home of Mr. A. They take with them the hearty congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

The statesmen who have promulgated schemes for getting rid of the surplus are getting to be as numerous as the men who have invented car-couplers. This is a great country.

Within the last few weeks two mine explosions have occurred in Kansas by which six men lost their lives. Hereafter it will not do to speak of Kansas as a purely agricultural state.

Our farmers are bringing in all of their old iron and as there is plenty of it in this county no small quantity is daily brought to this city. It is shipped to an iron foundry in Denver.

The German singing society has been organized, and we may soon expect to hear something fine when they get down to business, that is if they come up to what they were a few years ago.

Frank Doan, of St. Louis, secretary of the American Coursing club, has sent to several members of the club in this city a notice of assessment. The envelope and letter head has an engraving of two greyhounds in the act of catching a jack rabbit. It is a very neat design.

At the M. E. Sunday school election last week the following officers were elected: D. M. Woodburn, superintendent; James Clayton, assistant superintendent; W. O. Gaumer, secretary; Miss B. Thomas, treasurer; Miss Clara Schneider, organist; librarians, Miss Archie Reece and Miss Lila Bolinger.

The days are gone, the months have flown.
And you and I are older grown;
Shake hands; good bye, and have no fear,
To welcome well, another year.

The New Year's come, again
Ay, well-a-day;
How soon they come,
How soon they pass away.

Mrs. Jet Albright, of Milan, Mo., is a paid up subscriber to the DEMOCRAT.

Friday some one sent to R. T. Ewalt's office a package, which on inspection was found to resemble an infernal machine. A cautious examination, however, disclosed the fact that it contained nothing more destructive than a superannuated clay pipe.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to the many friends whose kindness of heart prompted them to assist us in many ways during the illness and death of our little Johnnie, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their interest and sympathy.

CHAS. E. DODGE.
CORA R. DODGE.

The Lucky Ones.

Last week the drawing occurred at the drug store of Shaw & Wilson. C. P. McDonald drew the \$30 dressing case; W. J. Hacker the \$25 dressing case; A. J. Buckland the \$12 manicure set; D. N. Heizer a handsome lamp; A. C. Schermerhorn, album; Frank Patterson and R. E. Heizer, a work box each, and various other prizes were drawn by the lucky ones.

Cherokee Trouble Settled.

After a long struggle by Chief Bushyhead and his friends to steal the office of Principal Chief and assistant Chief, by counting out Mayes and Smith, it was ended on the 23rd inst. by a quorum of the council appearing and counting the votes. Mayes' majority was 133 and Smith's was 665. This settlement was brought about through efforts of Inspector Armstrong and Agent Owen.

Elopement.

Friday afternoon when the train on the Santa Fe branch arrived a very young looking couple got off and took a 'bus for up town. A man on the same train told the marshal that he had better watch them as the girl had been attending school at Bazine, Ness county. The young couple were driven to the Union hotel, where the young man registered as F. R. Niles, of Holyrood, Kansas. At the supper table they said they were married. Hearing that the marshal was after them they became alarmed, hired a rig and left for Hoisington. This morning the girl's sister arrived and said the eloped girl's name is Etta Childers. Young Niles is the editor of the Holyrood Enterprise.

A Human Rocker.

There is confined in the county jail here a small negro boy not more than 10 years of age, named Dave Lunden, who came from Davis Bend, and has been adjudged insane. Little Dave while perfectly harmless sits in the corner of the jail hall all day with his hands locked around his knees, and rocks him self to and fro from the moment he is allowed to leave the cell until he is replaced there by his keepers. He never seems to tire, and gazing straight before him with an idiotic look in his eye, he keeps his singular motion. This peculiar freak has been watched by Jailor Terrell, and never for a moment does he lose his steady stroke. It is accounted for as one of the freaks of crazy people which, in this instance, makes Dave guilty of perpetual motion. Could not some genius make a discovery from this which would tend to solve the perpetual motion problem?—Vicksburg Herald.

NEWS NOTES.

Congress is again in session, and the surplus is listening at the key-hole of its vault in a state of anxiety and fear.

Daly's Theater is showing, "The Railroad of Love." Passengers change cars at Chicago on that road.—New Orleans Picayune.

No, of course we don't want our wheat receipts to fall off. Don't amount to much, but kind o' goes against the grain.—Duluth Paragapher.

Russia has placed a tax of one kopeck on every egg sold in the kingdom, and the hens kopecking around with every mark of dissatisfaction.

A Cincinnati deacon is under arrest for stealing \$3.45 from the contribution box. It is unnecessary to state, perhaps, that his peculations dated over a series of years.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—A farmer of Belmont, O., is proud because among his other live stock he has a pig with toes, another with three ears, a cat with an ear growing wrong side out, and a boy with three thumbs. —Some experiments have been placed on record, says the London Electrician, in which a number of eggs were hatched out in a magnetic field, with the result that the chickens were all more or less deformed—blind, deaf, or lame.

—John Davison, of Augusta, Ga., died, leaving an estate of \$116,000. It has just been divided. Each of the five heirs gets \$15,000, each of the administrators \$10,000, and each of the two attorneys \$10,500. The heirs are considered lucky to get what they did.

—The citizens of Ulrich, Mo., are excited over a big coal find near them. Thirty-five feet below the surface a six-foot vein of the best cannel coal has been struck, and seven carloads which were put on the market at Kansas City brought twenty-four cents a bushel.

—Manufacturers complain that the African rubbers now received do not yield when strained and cleaned more than 30 to 45 per cent. of pure rubber gum, owing to the natives adulterating with sawdust, bark dust, etc., to overcome the inconvenient stickiness of the juice.

—Trouble about a certain young man caused Miss Laura Regot and Miss Fannie Mathey to engage in a rough-and-tumble fight in front of the Catholic church at Frenchtown, near Corydon, Ind. They had been attending church service, but after the fight their apparel was much demoralized.

—First Blase Youth (much demoralized)—"By Gawge, Cholly! I'm completely exhausted; just assisted in saving—aw—young woman's life." Second Blase Youth—"Bravo fellow! But I didn't know you could swim, Fwaddy." First Blase Youth—"I can't. Another fellow did that part. I stood on shore and screamed for help."—Harper's Weekly.

—A New York reporter has discovered a man living in the top of a once respectable mansion, whose occupation is a very odd one. He advertises that he will write "poetry on all subjects at reasonable rates." His specialty is acrostics, of which he keeps a large stock on hand, made to fit almost all the common feminine names. These he retails at from fifty cents to \$1.25 each, according to style and quality.

—Mexican hogs, which are a cross between the Spanish and the wild hog of the Mexican mountains are raised with profit in Mexico, but not in any considerable numbers. They average 175 pounds in weight, and are killed chiefly for their lard, which is worth 26 cents a pound. Fresh pork is worth 12 1/2 cents a pound, but is eaten very little, for most persons can't afford it. It is said that Monterey, which has 50,000, eats only about five hogs a day.

—When four-year-old Johnny Perry said his prayers one night, and had asked God to bless papa and mamma, and to bless Johnny and make him a good boy, he surprised mamma by saying: "And please, God, bless Mr. Perry and make him a good man." "What do you mean by that?" his mamma asked. "Why," said Johnny, "you don't suppose I want to be a little boy all my life, do you?"—Alta California.

—Growing in the canons and on the hills north of San Bernardino, Cal., is a tree which the Times of the place wants named. No one there knows what it is. It bears a fruit that resembles a cherry, both in looks and size. It has a very pleasant taste, does not grow in clusters as does the cherry, has a very large stone, which also resembles the cherry stone in shape. The tree grows like a bush usually, though some attain a height of forty to fifty feet. The leaf resembles that of the live oak.

—The records of the Church of San Fernando at San Antonio, Tex., show that William H. Fouce was christened on the 3d of March, 1775. He is alive yet, but doesn't know just how old he was when he was christened. Uncle Billy was a hard man in his day, being a bull fighter, a miner, and a gambler. Although fully 112 years old this veteran is reported to be spry and tough yet. A few days ago he rode ten miles to a dog fight and came back with a pocket full of money. He lives alone, drinks mescal steadily, but no whisky or beer, eats heartily, sleeps well, and looks like a man of eighty-five.

—A heavy freight train on the Burlington and Missouri road, near Minden, Neb., came to a standstill the other night, owing to the engine slipping an eccentric, and Engineer Markham and his fireman got out to repair damages. As they were working they heard a terrific yell, and then a panther sprang on the engineer, knocking him down. The fireman struck the animal on the head with a wrench, and it quit Markham and attacked the fireman. This gave the engineer time to draw his revolver, and he put a bullet through the brute's head, killing it outright. It was six feet long and weighed 200 pounds. Both men were badly scratched.

—There is a little negro in Macon named Berry Bowden, aged about twelve years, who has a most remarkable mouth. When fully opened the distance from the corner of the mouth to the lobe of the ear is less than half an inch. He puts his fist in his mouth with ease, and can hold two eggs in the mouth without any difficulty. In addition to the great capacity, he can turn his under lip wrong side outward, and this gives him an awful appearance. He seems to pride himself on the size of his mouth, and never tires of showing what he can do with it. Recently he placed a toy rubber balloon in it and inflated the balloon to its fullest extent.

When first engaged
She used to write
On monogram paper
Of creamy white.
But since we're married—
It's rather hard—
She says all she needs
On a postal card.
—Harper's Bazar.

A law has been passed in Waldock, Germany, forbidding the granting of a marriage license to a person addicted to the liquor habit.—Ex.

We are no prohibitionist, as we have claimed already a number of times, but this is a good law, as it will check intemperance at its very foundation.—Ellinwood Express.

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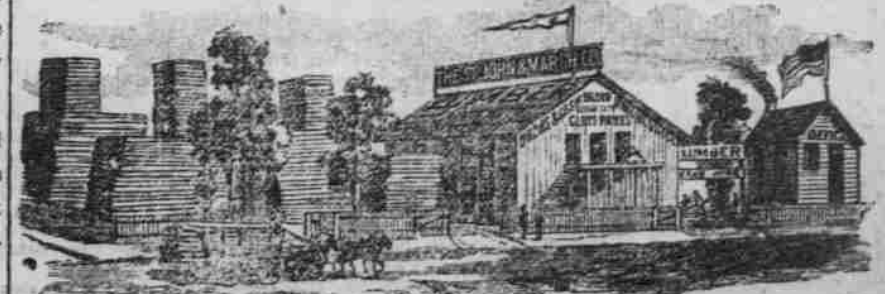
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